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Rally goers urge students to vote and be heard

Tax reform advocates say together, students can make a difference

By Paul Morgan Emerald Contributor

One message rang clear from the amplifiers at a tax reform rally in the EMU Courtyard Monday afternoon: It's up to students to register and vote to help protect the state's universities from the second wave of Measure 5.

Speakers, including ASUO members, students, and local politicians, echoed the message at every opportunity, as they lamented Oregon's current tax structure and urged students to defend their rights to education by voting.

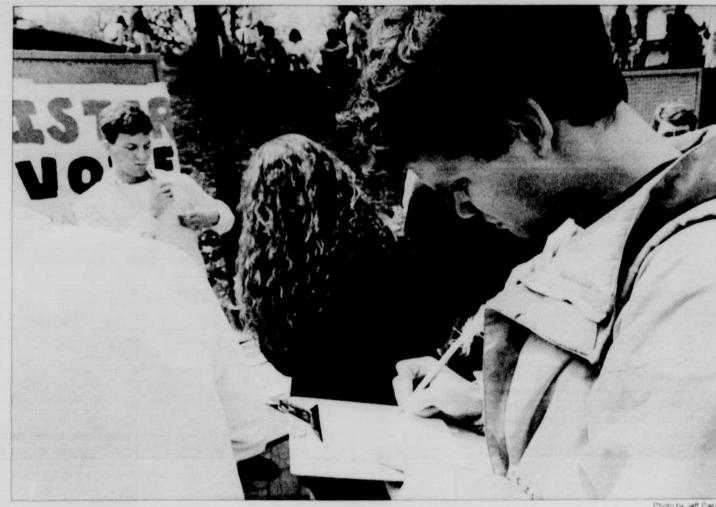
"There are a lot of things you can do." Joy Marshall, of Oregon Fair Share, told the crowd. "And the first thing is what you are doing today — informing yourselves, registering to vote and getting active."

An estimated 150 people registered to vote at the rally, said Matt Cox, ASUO student affairs coordinator.

Marshall said Measure 5 has landed a huge windfall for business property, and added that it is possible to come up with acceptable tax alternatives.

"The lion's share of tax relief did not go to home owners," Marshall said. "Portland General Electric got a \$30 million tax break this year alone, and they closed the School of Public Health here at the U of O."

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University senior Corey Schlosser registers to vote at Monday's rally, one of an estimated 150 people who took advantage of the registration tables.

OPS and Eugene police unite for campus safety

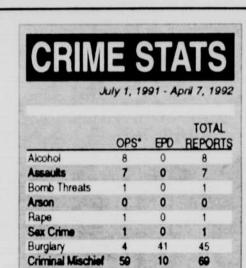
Cooperation between the departments helps contain security threats

By Colleen Pohlig Emerald Reporter

Otis Scarborough says he has "dealt with everything short of a murder" in his 12 years at the campus Office of Public Safety.

Scarborough recalled the time a University employee entered the OPS office in Straub Hall six years ago and threatened some of its officers with bodily harm.

This allegedly came in response to the employee's being fired after OPS officers told his supervisor they suspected him of smoking marijuana in a Universityowned building.



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Money pulls top billing at first ASUO debate

Student fees and tuition hikes concern students

By Kirsten Lucas Emeraid Reporter

ASUO Executive candidates squared off for an emotionallycharged debate Monday night before a standing room only audience in the Carson Hall Gold Room.

Running mates Bobby Lee and Karmen Fore, Don King and Holly Ferguson, and Chris Pharis and Donald Morgan participated. Presidential candidate Dan Pulju, who officially announced his candidacy last week, did not attend. The night's first major point of contention was the value and desirability of ASUO experience. Lee and Fore said their activities in student government, including efforts aimed at improving campus safety and curbing tuition increases, make them the candidates that "will make the difference."

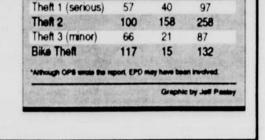
Lee, who has three years of experience in student government, is currently the ASUO affirmative action coordinator. Fore is the president of the Student University Relations Council.

"We need an ASUO that knows how to run the ASUO," Lee said. "Without experience, that's where you get into trouble."

King and Ferguson and Pharis and Morgan, who have no experience in student government, joined forces to criticize the ASUO status quo. "Involvement and experience in the ASUO is probably the worst detriment to someone running for (student government) right now," King said.

"We did a background check later on him and it turns out that he had threatened a Springfield police officer with a gun at one time," Scarborough said. Scarborough said he doesn't have a problem call-

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King attacked Lee's platform, which focuses on University

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Some members of the Oregon Citizens Alliance are struggling for control of Oregon's Republican Party, while others may start a party of their own.

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Oregon tennis narrowly beat WSU, but lost to the Huskies over the weekend.

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